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SUBJ: SITUATION IN CHAD

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1. PRESIDENT MALLOUM'S REMARKS TO THE PRESS UPON
HIS ARRIVAL IN PARIS MAY 21 APPARENTLY OUTLINE THE
TACTICS THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL INTENDS TO ADOPT
IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE IN REGARD TO NEGOTIATIONS
AIMED AT ACHIEVING NATIONAL RECONCILIATION.

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2. MALLOUM STRESSED THAT KEY TO SITUATION REMAINS IN
THE HANDS OF PRESIDENT QADHAFI, WHO HAD PUBLICLY
UNDERTAKEN TO ASSIST CHAD IN EVERY POSSIBLE FASHION
IN ITS ATTEMPT AT NATIONAL RECONCILIATION. HE POINTED
OUT THAT DESPITE THE REBELS' REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE
CEASE FIRE INSPECTION TEAMS, HE CONTINUED TO HOPE
FOR ANOTHER MEETING ON JUNE 7 TO CONTINUE NEGOTIA-

TIONS. (COMMENT: THUS HE IS APPARENTLY ACCEPTING FRENCH ADVICE NOT TO RENOUNCE BENGHAZI AGREEMENT.) HOWEVER, HE ADDED THAT IF THE SITUATION GETS WORSE, CHAD WOULD HAVE TO APPROACH THE U.N. AGAIN, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME HE ALLUDED TO A POSSIBLE. U.N. PEACE KEEPING FORCE.

3. IN COMMENTING ON MILITARY SITUATION, HE: (A) NOTED REBEL REPULSE AT ATI; (B) SAID OVERALL SITUATION REMAINED PERILOUS; AND (C) LEFT IT TO THE CEASE FIRE INSPECTION TEAMS TO DECIDE IF INFILTRATION OF LIBYAN FORCES INTO CHAD HAD OCCURRED AND, INDEED, IF TROOPS OTHER THAN REBELS AND LIBYANS WERE INVOLVED. (COMMENT: READ CUBAN OR EAST GERMAN.)

4. IN REGARD TO SHABA, HE POINTED OUT THAT SITUATION WAS IDENTICAL TO THAT IN CHAD, AND THAT FOREIGN INTERVENTION WAS COMPLETELY JUSTIFIED; HOWEVER, IN CHAD ONLY FRANCE HAD OFFERED ANY ASSISTANCE. (COMMENT: WE WILL HEAR MORE ALONG THESE LINES.)

5. MALLOUM DID NOT MENTION ANY CHANGE IN THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOVERNMENT, BUT HIS STILL INVIEW. BRADFORD

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